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The Notah Begay III Foundation Announces “Seeds of Native Health” Promising Program Grant Opportunity

Seeds *of* Native Health A Campaign for Indigenous Nutrition

SANTA ANA PUEBLO, New Mexico (June 8, 2015) The Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F)'s national program, Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures is pleased to announce its 2015 “Seeds of Native Health” Promising Program Grant Request For Proposals (RFP). Thanks to the generous support of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) and their recently launched national campaign, “Seeds of Native Health”, the NB3F will provide needed investment to tribes and native organizations working to improve nutrition and access to healthy foods for their children and communities. [Click here](#) for a list of 2014-2015 grantees.

[Seeds of Native Health](#) is a comprehensive, national campaign to improve Native American nutrition through capacity building, education, and research, supported by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The campaign builds on localized efforts to solve the problems of Indian nutrition and hopes to raise awareness, spread knowledge, create capacity for change, and develop additional solutions on a broader scale.

“Native American nutrition problems have many causes, but we know that good health starts with good nutrition,” said SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Lori Watso, a champion for the campaign who has spent much of her career in community public health. She provided the original idea for the SMSC’s nutrition campaign.

The application deadline is July 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. MDT. All applications must be submitted through NB3F’s online system. NB3F plans to award grants up to \$40,000 each to support projects that strategically target childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes prevention through healthy nutrition programs. Additional information including eligibility criteria, the full Request for Proposal (RFP) and the link to the online application can be found on NB3F’s [Promising Program Grant page](#).

Applications will be accepted from throughout the United States. However, preference will be given to applicants located in the following areas: Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

An informational webinar will be held on Wednesday, June 24, at 11:00 a.m. MDT. Participation is encouraged and registration is required. To access the registration link please [click here](#). Deadline for registering is Monday, June 22.

Please share this opportunity with colleagues, tribal leadership, community and non-profit leaders whose interests align with this initiative.

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About the Notah Begay III Foundation

In 2005, Notah Begay III established the Notah Begay III Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Notah established the Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) to address the profound health and wellness issues impacting Native American children and to empower those youth and help them realize their potential as tomorrow's leaders. The mission of NB3F is to reduce Native American childhood obesity and type-2 diabetes. To this end, the mission NB3F supports is the development of sustainable, evidence-based and innovative soccer and golf programs designed by Native Americans for Native American youth that promote physical fitness, wellness and leadership development.



About the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

The Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community (SMSC), a federally recognized sovereign Indian tribe located southwest of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is leading the Seeds of Native Health. The SMSC has a deep-seated tradition of helping other tribes and Native American people. The campaign represents a new extension of its long history of philanthropy, by committing a portion of its annual charitable giving to a dedicated purpose. Since opening its Gaming Enterprise in the 1990's, the SMSC has donated more than \$300 million to organizations and causes and has contributed millions more to regional governments and infrastructure projects such as roads, water and sewer systems, and emergency services.

For more information visit: nb3foundation.org or contact: grants@nb3f.org or 505-867-0775

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